

## Carl Vincent Seifert

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Carl Vincent Seifert was born March 23, 1850, at Landskron, Bohemia, which was a part of Austria and is now Czechoslovakia. August 13, [1868?] he came to Watertown, Wisconsin and later to Madison. He had been a member of the Roman Catholic church in Bohemia and now receives an old age pension from the Moravian congregation.

Carl Seifert's father was a fine weaver of calico, tablecloth and fine linen (kunst) at Silesia and became acquainted with the Moravian church here. The present son did not wish to be a weaver but took a three years' apprenticeship and learned the blacksmith trade. After this he worked three years free of charge, furnishing his own clothing and laundry and boarded with an uncle. For this he received 50 golden or \$1.00 fee. In summer he worked from 4 A.M. to 8 P.M. and in winter from 5 A.M. to 8 P.M. After this period he received 60 cents a week and worked 16 hours a day.